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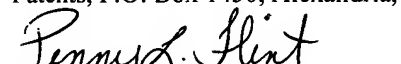
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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2005

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on August 18, 2005. While it is believed that no fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper. Consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

Amendment

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is added.

Amendment to the Specification

Kindly amend paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Referring to FIG. 2, a spring may be further included. The spring is connected to the latch, additionally the spring may be attached to the lock mechanism. Including a spring such as an extension spring 230 biases the mechanism ~~in either a secured or~~ into a released orientation, when a securing device is removed. For instance, the extension spring 230 biases the latch and locking mechanism when in a released position. Utilizing a spring to bias the mechanism in a secured position requires the user to positively operate the mechanism, thus minimizing accidental opening of the chassis and/or release of a component.

Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 2. The sheets encompassing FIG. 2, respectively, replaces the replacement sheet filed on February 7, 2005. FIG. 2 has been amended in the following respects: reference number 224 has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet